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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING: MAY 24-
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BEGIN SUMMARY: BESIDES CSCE/ MBRF ISSUES (SEPTTEL), PC FOCUSSED ON US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND DAVIGNON - II REPORT. WITH REYKJAVIK SUMMIT JUST AHEAD, FRENCH TOOK VERY RESERVED APPROACH ON FORMER TOPIC, SEEING NO PRESENT NEED TO DEVELOP NEW DECLARATION, OPEN BROAD EC NINE DISCUSSION THEREOF OR CONVENE ATLANTIC SUMMIT; BUT FRENCH DID NOT SLAM DOOR ON THESE MATTERS. DAVIGNON - II REPORT ALMOST CONCLUDED BUT DEADLOCK REMAINS OVER PC/ EC INTERACTION. THESE ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT JUNE 5 QUARTERLY EC POLITICAL MINISTERIAL. DETAILS FOLLOW AS PROVIDED TO US BY FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL INTEGRATION. END SUMMARY.

1. US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS. EMPLOYING ARGUMENTS ADVANCED IN RECENT BILATERALS WITH FRG (REFTEL), FRENCH POL DIRECTOR PUAUX OPENED BY SAYING IT REMAINED PREMATURE TO DEVELOP OR GIVE REPLY TO KISSINGER SPEECH OR FOREIGN POLICY REPORTS OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. IN ANY CASE, SAID PUAUX, EC NINE MUST AVOID US WISH TO USE " GLOBALIZATION OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE ISSUES" TO FORCE EUROPEAN CONCESSIONS. PUAUX INDICATED THAT EVEN EC EFFORT TO DEVELOP COMMON VIEW OF OVERALL US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP COULD RESULT IN " SLIDE TOWARD GLOBALIZATION." HE SAID THIS MUST NOT BE ACCEPTED BY EUROPEANS AND IN ANY EVENT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FRANCE. HOWEVER, GIVEN MARCH 16 MINISTERIAL DECISION TO CONSIDER US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS (BONN 4113, PARA 5), FRENCH RELUCTANTLY AGREED THAT MINISTERS WOULD ADDRESS TOPIC JUNE 5. BUT FRENCH REP EMPHASIZED THAT JUNE 5 DISCUSSION SHOULD BE OF GENERAL CHARACTER AND SHOULD INVOLVE " NO SURPRISES." IN ADVANCING THIS FRENCH POSITION, PUAUX HAD SUPPORT ONLY OF IRISH; ALL THE OTHERS, EXCEPT THE SILENT DANES, SUPPORTED MORE ACTIVE PC CONSIDERATION OF US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

2. OUR SOURCE TELLS US THAT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE WILL THIS WEEK SEND MESSAGE TO OTHER EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS SUGGESTING THAT JUNE 5
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MINISTERIAL CONSIDER SUCH TOPICS AS (A) HOW TO PREPARE MULTILATERALLY FOR PRESIDENT' S VISIT TO EUROPE, (B) STATEMENT TO BE MADE TO PRESS ON SUBJECT FOLLOWING JUNE 5 MEETING, AND (C) APPROPRIATE BODY TO CONSIDER US PROPOSALS IN KISSINGER' S SPEECH, ETC. SOURCE TELLS US THAT, DURING PC MEETING, GERMAN POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL DESCRIBED SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE FORA FOR PRESIDENT' S

MEETING WITH EC, INCLUDING ATLANTIC SUMMIT IN EMBASSY
OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN BRUSSELS AND MEETING OF
PRESIDENT WITH SPECIALLY CONVENED COUNCIL OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS POLITICAL AS WELL AS
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, FONOFF REP
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRENCH RESISTANCE LED VAN WELL TO
STEP BACK SOMEWHAT FROM INSISTENCE ON ATLANTIC SUMMIT
APPROACH.

3. AFTER HEARING THIS REPORT, EMBOFF EXPRESSED DIS-
APPOINTMENT THAT EC NINE REPS HAD SO FAR CONSIDERED
ONLY ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF ADDRESSING US PROPOSALS
AND THAT AGREEMENT WAS LACKING EVEN ON THESE ASPECTS.
EMBOFF ENCOURAGED GERMANS TO PUSH HARDER FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF EUROPEAN POSITIONS ON ISSUES DESCRIBED IN KISSINGER'S
SPEECH, SO THAT COMMON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES COULD

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EMERGE FROM PRESIDENT'S TRIP. FONOFF REP ACKNOWLEDGED
LACK OF PROGRESS TO DATE WITH EC NINE, BUT SAID FRG
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HOPED NIXON/ POMPIDOU MEETING IN REYKJAVIK COULD BREAK
DEADLOCK AND INDUCE FRENCH TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING
COMMON EUROPEAN RESPONSE.

4. DAVIGNON - II REPORT. PC PUT SEVERAL FINISHING
TOUCHES ON DAVIGNON - II REPORT WHICH IS EMERGING ALONG
LINES REPORTED IN BONN 672 AND 5066. FEW REMAINING
ISSUES RELATE TO DUTY TO CONSULT ONE ANOTHER ON
IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, EC/ PC INTERACTION
AND DESIGNATION OF EC NINE AMBASSADORS IN THE NINE CAP-
ITALS. ON OBLIGATION TO CONSULT PC AGREED
AD REFERENDUM THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OBLIGATION TO
CONSULT ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS " TOUCHING THE INTEREST
OF EUROPE IN AREAS WHERE TAKING A COMMON POSITION
BECOMES NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE"; IN SUCH CASES, EACH OF
NINE " ENGAGED THEMSELVES NOT TO DEFINITELY FIX THEIR
OWN POSITION WITHOUT HAVING CONSULTED PARTNERS IN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE." AS TO DESIGNA-
TION, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT EC AMBASSADORS IN THE NINE
CAPITALS BE TERMED " AMBASSADOR - HIGH REPRESENTATIVE"
PENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF EUROPEAN UNION; AFTER THAT
EVENT, THEY WOULD BE KNOWN SIMPLY AS " HIGH REPRESENTA-
TIVES." THIS MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED AT JUNE 5 MINI-
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5. EC/ PC INTERACTION. THIS ISSUE, WHICH GERMANS AND
BRITISH ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE, RESULTED
IN STRONG DEADLOCK WITH FRENCH. THE GERMANS SUGGESTED
THAT (A) EC MINISTERS COULD REQUEST REPORTS FOR COUNCIL
FROM PC ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ISSUES; (B) PC MINISTERS
COULD REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM EC COUNCIL AND COMMISSION;
(C) REPRESENTATIVES OF EC COULD PARTICIPATE IN PC
MEETINGS AND VICE VERSA. FRENCH APPROACH IS TO STRESS
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARACTER OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND

ITS DISTINCTIVENESS FROM EC ACTIVITIES UNDER
ROME TREATY. SOLE SIGN OF FRENCH FLEXIBILITY WAS READI-
NESS, WHENEVER PC ORGAN PRODUCES RESULT BEARING ON DEVEL-
OPMENT OF COMMUNITY, TO SEND REPORT TO SECRETARIAT OF EC
COUNCIL. THIS SUBJECT LIKELY TO BE MATTER OF INTENSE DE-
BATE AT JUNE 5 MINISTERIAL.

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